Djadjawurrung language

Djadjawurrung (also **Jaara**, **Ngurai-illam-wurrung**) is an Aboriginal Australian language spoken by the Dja Dja Wurrung people of the Kulin nation of central Victoria. Djadjawurrung was spoken by 16 clans around Murchison, the central highlands region, east to Woodend, west to the Pyrenees, north to Boort and south to the Great Dividing Range.

Djadjawurrung	
Region	Victoria
Ethnicity	Dja Dja Wurrung people
Extinct	(date missing)
Language family	Pama–Nyungan ▪ Kulinic ▪ Kulin ▪ Wemba-Wemba[1] ▪ **Djadjawurrung**
Language codes	
ISO 639-3	`dja`
Glottolog	*None*
AIATSIS[2]	`S31.1 (https://collection.aiatsis.gov.au/austlang/language/S31.1)`

The five Kulin nations. Djadjawurrung is in the northwest in blue.

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Phonology

Consonants

	Labial	Alveolar	Retroflex	Palatal	Velar
Stop	⟨p⟩ p	⟨t⟩ t	⟨rt⟩ ʈ	⟨tj⟩, ⟨yt⟩ c [a]	⟨k⟩ k
Nasal	⟨m⟩ m	⟨n⟩ n	⟨rn⟩ ɳ	⟨ny⟩, ⟨yn⟩ ɲ [a]	⟨ng⟩ ŋ
Lateral		⟨l⟩ l	⟨rl⟩ ɭ	⟨ly⟩, ⟨yl⟩ ʎ [a]	
Rhotic		⟨rr⟩ r	⟨r⟩ ɽ [b]		
Approximant	⟨w⟩ w			⟨y⟩ j	

a. The spellings ⟨ny⟩ and ⟨ly⟩ are spelled as ⟨yn⟩ and ⟨yl⟩ in syllable-final position, ⟨tj⟩ can also be spelled ⟨yt⟩ if it is an unreleased stop (it is simply spelt as ⟨tj⟩ released).
b. The retroflex rhotic may be an approximant, or a flap.

Vowels

There are four vowels noted: /i e a u/. They may also be phonetically written as /i ɛ~e a ʊ~u/.[3][4]

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External links

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